

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A wound dressing material comprising a complex of an anionic polysaccharide oxidized cellulose with silver, wherein the material comprises from about 0.1wt.% to about 3wt.% of silver.

Claim 2 (cancelled)

Claim 3 (cancelled)

Claim 4 (cancelled)

Claim 5 (currently amended): A wound dressing material according to claim 1, wherein the amount of silver in the complex is from about 1 to about 50% by weight based on the weight of the oxidized cellulose anionic polysaccharide.

Claim 6 (previously presented): A wound dressing material according to claim 1, in the form of a freeze-dried sponge sheet, or a woven or nonwoven fibrous sheet, or a gel sheet.

Claim 7 (previously presented): A wound dressing material according to claim 1, wherein the wound dressing material comprises from about 0.1wt% to about 10wt% of the complex.

Claim 8 (previously presented): A wound dressing material according to claim 1, wherein the amount of silver in the wound dressing material is from more than about 0.1wt% to about 2wt.%.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A wound dressing material according to claim [2] 1, wherein the oxidized cellulose is wound dressing material comprises collagen and oxidized regenerated cellulose (ORC) ~~complexed with silver.~~

Claim 10 (previously presented): A wound dressing comprising a wound dressing material according to claim 1.

Claim 11 (original): A wound dressing according to claim 10, wherein the wound dressing is sterile and packaged in a microorganism-impermeable container.

Claim 12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (currently amended): A method for treating venous ulcers, decubitus ulcers or diabetic ulcers, comprising applying a wound dressing material directly to the surface of the wound; wherein the wound

dressing material comprises a complex of oxidized cellulose an anionic polysaccharide with silver, wherein the material comprises from about 0.1wt.% to about 3wt.% of silver.

Claim 14 (canceled)

Claim 15 (canceled)

Claim 16 (new) The wound dressing material of claim 1, wherein the material further comprises collagen.

Claim 17 (new) The wound dressing material of claim 16, wherein the material comprises a mixture of collagen and oxidized regenerated cellulose in the weight ratio of 60:40 to 40:60.

Claim 18 (new) The wound dressing material of claim 17, wherein the material is a freeze-dried sponge.